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SUBJECT: SPECIALTY STEEL

1. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON ON MAY 12 LOERKE OF THE COMMISSION CALLED JOHNSTON IN USEC ON THE SPECIALTY STEEL ISSUE. FIELDING SUBSEQUENTLY MADE A SIMILAR CALL. THEY SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN OMA, EVEN A NEW STYLE OMA OF THE TYPE PROPOSED BY WOLFF. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, GOING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE NOISE LEVEL LOW; MAKING SOME ARRANGEMENT TO EXTEND THE 90- DAY RETALIATION PERIOD; AND SEEKING TO AVOID EMBARRASSING THE US IN THE GATT. THEIR HANDLE FOR DOING SO WOULD BE TO SAY THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE HOW THE QUOTAS AFFECTED COMMUNITY TRADE BEFORE SEEKING ANY SORT OF COMPENSATION OR RETALIATION. HOWEVER, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL WOULD DEPEND UPON 1) WHAT THE QUOTA FOR THE COMMUNITY WAS AND WHETHER IT PINCHED, AND 2) HOW LONG THE US MEASURES LAST. IF THE COMMUNITY COULD ADOPT SUCH A POSTURE, THE COMMUNITY WOULD THEN REVIEW THE SITUATION IN ABOUT A YEAR IN REGARD TO THESE TWO POINTS.

2. LOERKE IN THE ORIGINAL CALL SAID THAT HE WISHED TO
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RELAY TO US AN UNOFFICIAL FORECAST BY COMMISSION OFFICIALS

OF EC STEEL INDUSTRY EXPECTATIONS ON SHIPMENTS TO THE US
IN THE UPCOMING 12 MONTH PERIOD. THESE ARE FIGURES WHICH
WILL ENTER INTO THE TOALS, BUT NOT BE DESCRIBED SEPARATELY,
OF THE REGULARLY PUBLISHED OBJECTIVES OFR THE STEEL SECTOR.
THE FIGURES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

IN METRIC TONS)	
SHEET AND STRIP	18,000
PLATE	3,100
BAR	3,000
ROD	7,500
TOOL	3,400
TOTAL	35,000

3. LOERKE SAID THAT A COMMUNITY DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE
IN AN OMA MEANT THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO MAKE ON
ITS OWN ITS DECISIONS ABOUT QUOTA LEVELS. THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT
ADOPT A PUBLIC POSTURE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
OMA AND AT THE SAME TIME ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE QUOTA LEVELS WITH
THE UNITED STATES. HIS FURNISHING OF THESE FIGURES SHOULD NOT
BE CONSTRUED AS ANY SORT OF NEGOTIATION. THE FIGURES MIGHT
BEST BE DESCRIBED AS THE BEST GUESS IN THE COMMISSION STAFF
OF SHIPMENTS WHICH, IF PERMITTED INTO THE US, WOULD ALLOW THE
COMMUNITY TO PLAY "LONG AND LOW" IN GENEVA. HE CAUTIONED,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS COULD, OF COURSE, NOT BE CONSTRUED AN ANY
SORT OF IRON-CLAD COMMITMENT.
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